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This dictionary is intended to bridge the gap between the basic, generally simple language learned in the classroom and the preponderance of nonformal and idiomatic language used in Brazilian society on all levels and in contemporary Brazilian literature. It is the product of 15 years of systematic research involving interviews and conversations with a variety of informants from 17 of Brazil's 24 states. The main body of the dictionary contains over 7,500 Brazilian expressions, indicates their frequency of usage, defines them in English, and illustrates how they are used, generally with a model sentence. In the English index, the main-body entries are grouped and listed again under general, colloquial English headings. (Contains 51 references.) (SM)

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